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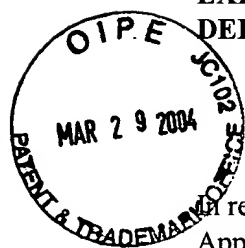
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Where application of: **Wheeler, et al.**
Application No.: **09/978,477**
Filed: **October 16, 2001**
For: **DEFLECTION CLIP**

Group No.: **3635**
Examiner: **S. Varner**

**RESPONSE UNDER
37 C.F.R. § 1.116
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AMENDMENT OR RESPONSE AFTER FINAL REJECTION--TRANSMITTAL

1. Transmitted herewith is an amendment after final rejection (37 C.F.R. § 1.116) for this application.

STATUS

2. Applicant is a small entity. A statement was already filed.

EXTENSION OF TERM

3. The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136 apply. Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

FEE FOR CLAIMS

4. The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below:\

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	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest No. Previously Paid For	Present Extra	Rate	Addit. Fee
Total	20	Minus	38	= 0	x \$9 =	\$0
Indep.	6	Minus	8	= 0	x \$43 =	\$0
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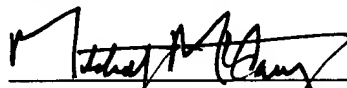
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5. If any additional extension and/or fee is required, charge Account No. 06-0540.
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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION (PAPER NO. 11)
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Sir:

Please enter the following amendments in the above identified United States patent application.

Amendment to the Specification begins on page 2.

Amendment to the Drawings begins on page 6.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the Listing of Claims beginning on page 7.

Remarks begin on page 14.

An **Appendix**, including a Summary of Telephone Interview Between Applicant's Attorney and Examiner Varner Requested in the RCE and amended drawing figures are attached following page 16.